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The Mission.

As we go to press, the long-expected Missioners are with us; the Mission has begun in many a centre in this Diocese, and we cannot doubt that God is with us of a truth!

The Epistle for the Sunday before the Mission raised our hopes high, when we read: "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us;" and, again, as we read the Morning Lesson on the Saturday of the beginning of the Mission, "God's enabling" was once more brought home to us! "And God is able to make all grace abound unto you, that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work."

What God is able to do, surely the Mission will help us to understand, to grasp more fully; and we shall call on ourselves over and over again to "have faith in God"—the God, whom we have learned to realise more fully, to see more clearly.

In a recent number of the *Craftsman* there is an inspiring article, based,

practically, on the words of the Wise Man: "Where there is no open vision, the people perish"—written by an American, concerning Americans. He says:—

"As a people we have had a sort of vision—a commercial vision—our material progress has been phenomenal. But our vision has been a narrow and restricted one. It has not enriched our lives as it should have done. Something is the matter with it.

"As individuals we are prone to err in the same direction. We bind ourselves to our little treadmill, and we get nowhere. Only by giving our souls a chance can we find the richer life. Without a vision we only half live."

And could not these words be said just as truly by one of ourselves about ourselves? And the Mission has come to us, to call us "to give our souls a chance"—"to enrich our lives by taking thought of the spiritual side."

In our last number, the Bishop put the matter practically when he wrote to us, in his "Pastoral Letter":—

"It is a clearer vision of God, of spiritual realities, of the meaning and purpose of life that we need. It is only through a clearer understanding of the Person, and work, and purposes of Christ, that we shall ever attain to a clearer vision of the Eternal God and Father of all."

A fuller revelation to the hearts of men of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God; a fuller vision of His Kingdom, and all that it means, and of our part in it, this truly is our need, as it has been, and ever will be, the need of every age.

The Missioners will have come, and gone, ere these words are read—but, shall we say, "The Mission has gone?" Surely not! Not if the Missioners' Message has come home to our hearts; not if we have attained to a clearer vision of God!

But it will have gone, if our emotions have only been stirred transiently, and we have not yielded ourselves to the calls of God—the call to surrender, the call to consecration, the call to loving and faithful service.

"We are saved, to serve." Therefore our part now is to "follow up," to "follow on;" to realise, indeed, more fully the meaning and purpose of life, the life that God has given to us, the life for which we must some day render an account; and, by the grace of God, since we have beheld a fuller vision of His Kingdom, to

approve ourselves loyal subjects of the King.

"Christian soldiers! show your colours;
Stand ye to your cause like men:
Great the prize, if great the struggle,
Warfare now, but glory then."

A Daily Prayer

(For use after the Mission).

Grant, O LORD, that we may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Strengthen us manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the Devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end. AMEN.

Reception of the Missioners.

A large number of people were present at the Cathedral on Friday evening, 16th September, when the Anglican Missioners were accorded a reception as an introduction to their labours in this district. The service was hearty and enthusiastic throughout. A strong choir was also present. Bishop Williams attended and occupied a seat in the Sanctuary.

After an organ voluntary by Mr. Weber, Archdeacon Ruddock presented each Missioner to his Lordship the Bishop of Waiapu, who stood at the chancel steps to receive them.

Bishop Averill then read an opening prayer, a Litany, led by the Rev. Canon Mayne, following.

After a prayer, Psalm cxxx. was sung. The Lesson was read by Bishop Williams, after which Psalm lxxviii. was sung.

After the Creed and a hymn, Bishop Averill addressed those present, his opening remarks being of a personal nature. "The unexpected death of Canon Pollock," he said, "has aroused the deepest sympathy in the hearts of New Zealand Churchmen, and has also helped, thank God, to deepen and to spiritualise our preparation for this Mission. We cannot but feel that he, who spent himself so ungrudgingly in his endeavours to help us, is still very near to us, and from the green pastures of Paradise is joining with us to-night in our intercession for blessing upon our Mission, which is now taking place in New Zealand, and which is just about to commence in our own Diocese."

The Bishop proceeded to say that he had a simple and heartfelt message to the people; it was to look upon this Mission as a keynote to joy. It must open up a really joyful life, of which they had as yet only caught glimpses in their better moments. Let those better moments become